

In the Specification:

Please amend the Specification as shown below. Applicant respectfully submits that the proposed amendments are being provided to correct various informalities in the Specification.

Please replace paragraph 1 in page 1 of the Specification with the amended seven paragraphs shown below:

~~The present application is a continuation of and claims the benefit of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/306,677, entitled “Method for Providing A Reverse Star Schema Data Model,” by Li-Wen Chen and Juan Ortiz, filed May 6, 1999, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/116,086, entitled “Method and Apparatus for Performing Customer Data Analysis of a Computer Database Using Reverse Star Schema Data Model,” by Li-Wen Chen, filed January 15, 1999. Applications 09/306,677 and 60/116,086 are fully incorporated herein by reference.~~

This application claims priority from the following U.S. Provisional Patent Application, the disclosure of which, including all appendices and all attached documents, is incorporated by reference in its entirety for all purposes:

U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/116,016, entitled “Method and Apparatus for Processing Customer Data for OLAP Integration and Application Integration based on Reverse Star Schema,” by Li-Wen Chen, filed January 15, 1999.

The following commonly-owned applications, including this one, are related to each other and the others are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety:

1. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/483,385, entitled “Method for Visualizing Information in a Data Warehousing Environment,” by Li-Wen Chen, filed January 13, 2000, pending;

2. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/483,386, entitled “System for Visualizing Information in a Data Warehousing Environment,” by Li-Wen Chen, issued February 28, 2006, as U.S. Patent No. 7,007,029;

3. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/306,650, entitled “Apparatus for Providing a Reverse Star Schema Data Model,” by Li-Wen Chen and Juan Ortiz, issued June 25, 2002, as U.S.

Patent No. 6,411,961.

4. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/306,693, entitled “System for Providing a Reverse Star Schema Data Model,” by Li-Wen Chen and Juan Ortiz, issued March 26, 2002, as U.S. Patent No. 6,363,353.